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SUBJ: BURMESE ATTITUDE TOWARD US NORMLIZATION WITH VIET-NAM

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1. DURING CALL ON MOFA ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL DAW THAN HAN, POLITICAL/ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DREW ON REFS B AND C TO BRIEF HER ON U.S. MOVES TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-SRV RELATIONS. SHE WAS PLEASED TO GET THIS INFORMATION, SHE SAID, NOTING THAT "WE ALSO HEAR BOUT THIS SORT OF THING FROM THE OTHER SIDE." SHE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS WILL BE RAPID AND SUCCESSFUL.

2. COMMENT: FAR FROM BEING CONCERNED ABOUT NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-SRV RELATIONS, THE BURESE SUPPORT IT ON BOTH PHILOSOPHICAL AND PRACTICAL GROUNDS. THEY ARE FRIENDLY TOWARD THE VIETNAMESE, AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE THE SRV'S INTERNATIONAL STANDING ENHANCED AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS IMPROVED. MOREOVER, THEY SHARE VIET-NAM'S ANTIPATHY TOWARD THAILAND, AND WOULD PROBABLY VIEW NORMALIZATION AS COMING TO SOME DEGREE AT THAI EXPENSE. FINALLY, THEY REGARD THE SRV AS A POTENTIAL FORCE FOR SAFEGUARDING SOUTHEAST ASIA'S "INDEPENDENCE," ESPECIALLY FROM

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THE PERCEIVED POTENTIAL PRC THREAT, AND THEY WOULD SEE NORMALIZATION AS LIKELY TO ENHANCE THE SRV'S ABILITY TO FULFILL THIS ROLE.
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